

APPROVED MINUTES

JOINT MEETING of the STATE REVIEW BOARD and HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

March 19, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

**Science Museum of Virginia, Forum Room,
2500 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220**

State Review Board Members Present

Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Chair
Dr. Laurant Lee, Vice-Chair
Joseph D. Lahendro
Dr. Gabrielle M. Lanier
Dr. Carl Lounsbury
John Salmon
Dr. Sara Bon-Harper

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Robert Johnson, Chair
William Garner, Vice-Chair
Drew Gruber
H. Edward "Chip" Mann
Margaret T. Peters

Absent: Ashley Atkins-Spivey, Terri Hauser

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

Julie Langan, Director
David Edwards
Marc Wagner
Melina Bezirdjian
Michael Pulice
Aubrey Von Lindern

Stephanie Williams, Deputy Director
Jim Hare
Jennifer Loux
Lena Sweeten McDonald
Jennifer Pullen
Sten Wall

Guests present (from sign-in sheet) – Julie Anderson (Norfolk); Paula Barlow (Henrico County); Marie Harris Brown (Harris Farm); Donna Chasen (The Meadow); Marcia Cunningham (2nd Battle of Fair Oaks marker); Alex Ferrate (Wiley Court Historic District); Bill Inge (Norfolk & Western Railroad Historic District); Leanne Ladin (The Meadow); Kent LaRue (Iden); Susan McBride (Norfolk & Western Railroad Historic District); John and June Mellman (Temple Sinai); Scott Powell (First Day of Chancellorsville easement); Lynn Clayton Prince (Pocahontas Middle marker); Selden Richardson (Wilfred Emory Cutshaw highway marker); Scott Stephens (Roadside Commerce marker); David Tillar (Dancing Point); Diana Utz (The Meadow);

Guests from State Agencies – Catherine Ayres (Office of the Attorney General)

State Review Board (SRB)

Chair Elizabeth Moore called the SRB meeting to order at 10:12 a.m., and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chair Moore invited each board member to introduce themselves and explained the role of the SRB and the process of designation. She then presented the December 11, 2014, meeting minutes. With a motion from Dr. Lounsbury and a second from Vice-Chair Lee, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Chair Moore announced that elections for the SRB chair and vice-chair would take place. Mr. Lahendro made a motion to approve Elizabeth Moore as Chair and Laurant Lee as Vice-Chair of the SRB. With a second from Dr. Lanier, the SRB voted unanimously to elect Dr. Moore as Chair and Dr. Lee as Vice-Chair.

Historic Resources Board (HRB)

Chair Robert Johnson called the HRB meeting to order, and welcomed everyone in attendance. Chair Johnson explained the role of the HRB and asked each member to introduce themselves. Chair Johnson presented the December 11, 2014, meeting minutes, and requested a correction to the titles for HRB Chair and Vice-Chair as recorded in the minutes. With a motion from Ms. Peters and a second from Mr. Mann, the HRB voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

Director's Report (DHR)

Director Langan began her report by thanking the Science Museum of Virginia for hosting today's meeting, and described briefly the major renovation work that has recently been undertaken in the museum's historic spaces. Director Langan noted that Dr. Lanier agreed to continue her service on the SRB and has been appointed to another term. She explained the restructuring of DHR's regional office system and that the staffing level for two offices had fallen to just one person per office. The reduced staffing did not meet current needs. Therefore, the Capital and Tidewater regions were combined into the Eastern region office, for which Marc Wagner is Architectural Historian and Michael Clem will act as archaeologist.

Director Langan discussed the conclusion of three friends-raising workshops for Civil War battlefields across Virginia. The ABPP provided grant funds for the project. Langan reported that DHR has recently applied to the ABPP for grant funds to update DHR's guide to Civil War battlefields in Virginia. SRB member John Salmon, the original author, will be updating the guide. Hurricane

Sandy disaster recovery grant funds have been obligated to 22 projects. A small amount of money will be withheld as a contingency fund. Grant funds will be used for both architectural and archaeological surveys that will be coordinated by DHR. RFPs for the projects will be released around April 1, 2015. Jim Hare has worked with the National Park Service to establish the grant requirements, including placement of covenants or easements on properties that receive grant funds. DHR is working with the Maryland SHPO to coordinate on a project for disaster preparedness and response plans specific to historic resources. Some Hurricane Sandy funds will be used to address needs at Clermont in Clarke County, specifically a HistoriCorps project to work on the former slave quarters. This also will allow students to gain hands-on experience in preservation trades. Some grant funds will be used to replace DHR's easement database, which is a key data resource for disaster response. Survey data will be gathered in Accomack, Northumberland, Middlesex, Mathews, Middlesex, and Westmoreland counties. Some individual buildings are receiving grant funds, such as Christ Church in Lancaster County, the New Point Comfort Lighthouse, and the Saxix store in Accomack County.

DHR staff recently participated in the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological Conference last weekend, with 6 staff members presenting papers. At the Virginia Forum, four staff offered a panel discussion on historic resources along roadsides in Virginia. In December 2013, DHR became the owners of a 50+ acre tract in the Wilderness Battlefield. DHR has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, which will be a partner in managing the tract and finding opportunities for interpretation and engagement. Several grant cycles are under way or about to launch. The Cost Share program's deadline for applications from localities is April 24. Next week, DHR will announce availability of CLG grant funds. Around the first of May, DHR will announce availability of Civil War sites preservation funds. DHR's tax credit regulations will be presented at a public meeting next week at DHR's office in Richmond. The Register program's emergency regulations have not advanced yet, but the burial permit regulations are proceeding through the approval process.

On April 4, DHR will participate in Richmond's Journey from the End of Slavery to the Civil War to Today, sponsored by The Future of Richmond's Past coalition. DHR will have an interactive exhibit, "History Surrounds Us," which will offer visitors an opportunity to view an interactive exhibit via a tablet that will offer different historic views of Richmond. On April 18, DHR will host a cemetery workshop at Pocahontas in Tazewell County. A Register program workshop will take place May 28, and will feature NPS reviewer Patrick Andrus and Carol Shull, who just retired as Keeper of the National Register. The June joint board meeting will take place in Martinsville, and board members are invited to travel to Martinsville the day before so that the joint meeting can begin at 8:30 on June 18. DHR is sponsoring an Eastern Shore field school that will take place May 11-28. Journey Through Hallowed Ground will hold a conference May 19-21 as part of the organization's 10th anniversary. A Teaching with Historic Places workshop will be June 13 at Sweet Briar College. With the announced closing of Sweet Briar College, the programming for which DHR partners with the college will have to be reconsidered. On June 4, Governor McAuliffe and NPS Director Jon Jarvis will participate in a one-day event on Tangier Island. All board members are invited to attend. Regarding the recent General Assembly session, DHR had two bills that passed without difficulty. Two bills that had the potential to end the historic tax credit program were tabled. The Civil War Battlefield Preservation Fund has been renamed the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, and sites associated with the War of 1812 and American Revolution as well as the Civil War will be eligible for the fund. Director Langan noted that DHR works closely with Preservation Virginia to monitor General Assembly sessions. At the suggestion of HRB member H. E. Mann, a representative of Preservation Virginia, Elizabeth Kostelny, was introduced by Director Langan to discuss ways in which Preservation Virginia supports DHR through lobbying at the state and federal level..

Legislative Update with Preservation Virginia.....presented by Elizabeth Kostelny

Ms. Kostelny provided a brief history of Preservation Virginia since it was founded 126 years ago as the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. She explained to the board members a 2014 report that analyzed the economic impact of the historic tax credit program. A study on the Main Street program will be available in April 2015, and a study on heritage tourism's economic impact will follow. Preservation Virginia is debuting a 30-minute online documentary about historic preservation in Virginia. All 5 parts of the documentary will be available on You Tube for different organizations to show to their audiences. Preservation Virginia partners with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to host a preservation summit offered to General Assembly (GA) members prior to each legislative assembly. During the GA session, Preservation Virginia sponsors a legislative reception and each March participates in a Lobby Day on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. During each GA session, Preservation Virginia also maintains a weekly preservation alert to keep interested parties informed of legislation that can affect historic preservation in the Commonwealth. The weekly alert currently reaches 5,000 email addresses, many of which are for organizations that then forward messages to their own memberships. Preservation Virginia has a corps of consultants, planners, and other experts who volunteer to participate in committee meetings and speak on behalf of preservation issues. Preservation Virginia has organized public participation in the GA committee that was established about 18 months ago to start evaluating the economic impact of various easement and land preservation programs in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Mann noted his concerns about misconceptions about the historic rehabilitation tax credit program that some people may have. He asked Ms. Kostelny if Preservation Virginia has had to address misconceptions with decision makers and educate them on the empirical data regarding historic tax credits. Ms. Kostelny said the GA has some great supporters of the historic tax credit program, while other members, especially newer ones, may not be fully aware of the program's results. Vice-Chair Lee thanked Ms. Kostelny for Preservation Virginia's assistance with a recent Rosenwald Schools conference at John Tyler Community College. Ms. Kostelny's presentation ended.

Director Langan noted that some GA members have a particular philosophy about all tax credit programs, with which the historic tax credit program is grouped, without regard to each program's goals and effectiveness. Some GA members preferred to focus on larger budget concerns in the previous session rather than specific tax credit programs.

Director Langan introduced Deputy Director Williams for an update about the Comprehensive Plan.

Comprehensive Plan Update.....presented by Stephanie Williams

Deputy Director Williams offered a brief recap of activities since the board members last were updated in September 2014. She noted that the public participation phase of the planning process ended in December 2014 with 100% participation from each locality in the Commonwealth. The preservation public forums were held last fall at locations across Virginia, and DHR led two sessions at Preservation Virginia's annual conference in October 2014. A steering committee meeting took place in November 2014 to discuss new goals and objectives for the updated comprehensive plan. Deputy Director Williams pointed out the draft goals and objectives provided in each board member's meeting packet. The updated plan is now being drafted and will address six major subjects: the context of historic preservation in Virginia; successes in the last 5-6 years; how historic resources are understood now as a result of using GIS and V-CRIS; issues anticipated to confront historic resources in the next decade; an analysis of the results of public participation; and a framework for moving forward. The draft comprehensive plan will be published for public comment in late spring 2015. The new comprehensive plan will go into effect on October 1, 2015, and DHR's next work plan will be based on this new plan. The final plan is proposed to be published online by January 2016. The board members had no questions for Deputy Director Williams.

Resolution.....presented by Chair Elizabeth Moore and Chair Robert Johnson

Chair Johnson read aloud a resolution acknowledging and honoring the contributions of DHR staff member Pamela Schenian, who passed away suddenly in December 2014. Chair Moore asked Director Langan to pass the board members' regards along to Ms. Schenian's family.

NOMINATIONS

State Review Board – Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner

1. Appomattox Court House National Historical Park 2015 Boundary Increase, Appomattox County, #006-0033, Criteria A, B, C, and D

Comments made:

Mr. Wagner explained that only the State Review Board is voting to approve the nomination because the park is federally owned and is managed by the National Park Service, which has the leeway not to follow the property owner /adjacent owner notification process specified in Virginia regulations.

Chair Moore asked if the SRB members had any questions. Dr. Lounsbury asked if the reconstructed buildings are considered contributing or non-contributing to the property. Mr. Wagner said they are contributing. The district's period of significance goes up to 1968 to encompass all of the reconstructed buildings. Chair Moore asked for a motion to approve the nomination as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lounsbury and a second from Mr. Lahendro, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Nominations to the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner

1. Blue Ridge Swim Club, Albemarle County, #002-5178, Criterion A
2. Harris Farm, Albemarle County, #002-0878, Criterion C
3. The Meadow Historic District (Discontiguous), Caroline County, #016-0016, Criteria A, B, and C; Criteria Considerations B and G

Comments made:

Chair Moore asked the SRB members for questions and comments. None were made. Chair Moore welcomed Blue Ridge Swim Club owner Todd Barnett to the meeting. Chair Moore invited representatives for The Meadow Historic District to speak. Ms. Diana Utz spoke in support of the nomination on behalf of the George Washington Regional Commission. Ms. LeeAnne Ladin spoke in support of the nomination and explained her role as the manager of tourism for Secretariat at the property. She noted that adults and children alike come to see Secretariat's birthplace. She explained Secretariat's significance for winning the Triple Crown, and the continued dominance of his bloodlines in thoroughbred racing today. She concluded with a quote from Secretariat's biographer noting the importance of The Meadow to the horse's breeding and success, as well as the Chenerys' dedication to horse breeding and racing.

Mr. Mann expressed concerns about the current condition of the buildings at The Meadow Historic District. He asked for clarification of who owns the buildings now and how they will interpret the property's history. Mr. Wagner said that the property is owned by the

Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. Ms. Ladin, an employee of the VBBF, explained why the foaling shed was moved next to the training barn. Signage explains the history of each building, and guided tours are offered to visitors. The VBBF has owned The Meadow for about 18 months and is still developing its tourism program. Galleries have been installed in a former dwelling on the property that interpret the farm's history. Mr. Mann noted the importance of focusing on context in interpretation of the property. Ms. Ladin clarified that the foaling shed is still in an equestrian setting. Mr. Wagner said retention of an equestrian setting was an important consideration in evaluating the property's integrity. Vice-Chair Lee asked if the workers who were involved in Secretariat's training are included in tourism programs. Ms. Ladin said that the gallery includes photos of grooms and trainers and their work is discussed as part of the tour.

Chair Moore invited Marie Harris, owner of Harris Farm, to speak. Ms. Harris thanked the board members for reviewing her property's nomination.

Chair Moore asked for a motion to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Vice-Chair Lee and a second from Mr. Lahendro, the SRB voted to approve all the nominations as presented.

Chair Johnson asked for a motion on the three nominations as presented. Ms. Peters stated that she could not approve the nomination for Harris Farm due to shortcomings in its content. Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the nomination for Harris Farm. With a motion from Mr. Mann and a second from Mr. Gruber, the majority of the HRB voted to approve the Harris Farm as presented, with Ms. Peters voting against it. Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the nominations for the Blue Ridge Swim Club and The Meadow Historic District (Discontiguous) as presented. With a motion from Mr. Gruber and a second from Mr. Mann, the HRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Northern Region.....presented by Aubrey Von Lindern

1. Josephine City Historic District, Town of Berryville, Clarke County, #168-5029, Criteria A and C

Comments made:

Ms. Von Lindern introduced Kenneth and Judy Liggins, residents of Josephine City, and Bob Steig, CEO of the Clermont Foundation.

Ms. Ayres announced that Ms. Peters has recused herself from consideration of the nomination as she is a co-author. She will remain to address any questions, but will leave the room during the vote. Mr. Liggins noted that he and his wife are lifelong residents of Josephine City, and requested that the boards approve the nomination. Mr. Steig explained the historical association between Josephine City and the owner of the Clermont Farm after the Civil War, including that many residents had been former slaves at Clermont Farm and later were employed as workers on the farm.

Vice-Chair Lee thanked the district representatives for bringing forward the nomination, especially given its emphasis on women's history and furthering understanding of the transition from slavery to freedom for African Americans.

Chair Moore asked for a motion to approve the nomination as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lanier and a second from Mr. Salmon, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Ms. Peters left the room during consideration of the nomination by the HRB. The HRB retained a quorum.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Garner each thanked the district representative's for their support of the district's nomination. Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the nomination as presented. With a motion from Vice-Chair Garner and a second from Mr. Mann, the HRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. Boxerwood, Rockbridge County, #081-7144, Criterion C

Comments made:

Chair Moore asked the SRB for questions and comments. None were made. With a motion from Mr. Lahendro and a second from Vice-Chair Lee, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Chair Johnson asked the HRB members for questions and comments. Vice-Chair Garner asked about SRB member Jody Lahendro's questions regarding the architectural style of Boxerwood. Mr. Pulice said he spoke with nomination author Dan Pezzoni about this, and that no documentation exists concerning the selection of style, nor do surviving family members know. However, at the time, Usonian architecture and Modern influences were prevalent for the type of design the Mungers' sought. Vice-Chair Garner asked about the inclusion of floorplans with National Register nominations. Ms. McDonald explained that a query with SHPOs across the country yielded results that some SHPOs do post floorplans online, some do not, and some will redact upon request of a property owner. Given the variety of responses, Ms. McDonald said the topic warrants further discussion among DHR's senior staff and possibly staff at the Office of the Attorney General.

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the nomination as presented. With a motion from Mr. Mann and a second from Ms. Peters, the HRB voted unanimously to approve the nomination as presented.

Eastern Region.....presented by Lena McDonald

1. Kenwood, Gloucester County, #036-0121, Criteria C and D
2. Norfolk & Western Railroad Historic District, City of Norfolk, #122-5799, Criteria A and C
3. Temple Sinai, City of Newport News, #121-5117, Criteria A and C, Criteria Consideration A

Comments made:

L. McDonald introduced Marcus Pollard, whose firm authored the Norfolk & Western Railroad Historic District, and John and June Mellman, authors of the Temple Sinai nomination. Chair Moore recognized the presence of Susan McBride, preservation planner for the City of Norfolk. Chair Moore asked the SRB for comments and questions. None were made. Chair Moore asked the SRB for a motion to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Dr. Lanier and a second from Vice-Chair Lee, the SRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

Chair Johnson asked the HRB for comments and questions. Mr. Gruber pointed out that three letters of objection were received regarding the Norfolk & Western Railroad Historic District, but noted that the public hearing meeting minutes demonstrated that property owners' concerns had been addressed. Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the nominations as presented. With a motion from Mr. Mann and a second from Ms. Peters, the HRB voted unanimously to approve the nominations as presented.

The joint meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD

Historic Resources Board Members Present

Chair Robert Johnson
Vice-Chair William Garner
Drew Gruber
H. Edward "Chip" Mann
Margaret Peters

Absent: Ashley Atkins-Spivey, Terri Hauser

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Staff Present

Julie Langan
Stephanie Williams
Jen Pullen
Jim Hare
Elizabeth Tune
Gillian Bearn
Jen Loux
Megan Melinat
Joanna Wilson Green

Guests present (from sign-in sheet) –Scott Powell, Public Works Spotsylvania County; Catherine Ayres, Office of the Attorney General; Marcia Cunningham (2nd Battle of Fair Oaks marker); Lynn Clayton Prince (Pocahontas Middle marker); Selden Richardson (Wilfred Emory Cutshaw marker); Scott Stephens (Roadside Commerce marker)

Call to Order..... Robert Johnson, Chair, Board of Historic Resources

Chair Robert Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Chair Johnson explained the role of the Historic Resources Board and asked each member to introduce themselves. R. Johnson, Chair, W. Garner, Vice-Chair, D. Gruber, C. Mann, and M. Peters composed the Historic Resources Board (the "Board" or "HRB").

HIGHWAY MARKERS

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

J. Loux presented the following Diversity markers, Sponsor markers and Replacement markers as a group to the HRB:

Sponsor Markers – Diversity

1. Richardson and Morton Schools

Sponsor: A.G. Richardson Alumni Association

Locality: Louisa County

Proposed Location: 1782 Jefferson Highway, U.S. Route 33

2. Shiloh Baptist Church

Sponsor: Shiloh Baptist Church

Locality: Alexandria

Proposed Location: 1401 Duke Street

3. Lunenburg High School

Sponsor: Lunenburg High School Alumni Association

Locality: Lunenburg County

Proposed Location: 265 School Drive, Victoria

4. Courtland School -- Rosenwald Funded

Sponsor: Maxine Nowlin

Locality: Southampton County

Proposed Location: 25499 Florence St., Courtland

5. Pocahontas High School

Sponsor: Pocahontas Middle School Student Council Association

Locality: Powhatan County

Proposed Location: 4290 Anderson Hwy

6. Pocahontas Island

Sponsor: City of Petersburg

Locality: Petersburg

Proposed Location: 808-810 Logan Street on Pocahontas Island

Sponsor Markers

1. Roadside Commerce

Sponsor: Virginia Diner, Inc.

Locality: Sussex County

Proposed Location: 408 County Drive North, Wakefield

2. Augusta Stone Church

Sponsor: Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

Locality: Augusta County

Proposed Location: Route 11 south, .25 miles south of Dam Town Road, near Old Stone Church Lane

3. The Rev. John Craig (1709-1774)

Sponsor: Augusta Stone Presbyterian Church

Locality: Augusta County

Proposed Location: Route 11 south, .25 miles south of Dam Town Road, near Old Stone Church Lane

4. The Second Battle of Fair Oaks

Sponsor: Marcia J. Cunningham

Locality: Henrico County

Proposed Location: vicinity of 2999 Darbytown Road

5. Joseph Cotten (1905-1994)

Sponsor: Whitworth W. Cotten Jr.

Locality: Petersburg

Proposed Location: several options

6. Wilfred Emory Cutshaw (1838-1907)

Sponsor: Selden Richardson

Locality: Richmond

Proposed Location: beside Westover Road near the Round House, Byrd Park

7. The Parson of the Islands

Sponsor: United Methodist Church, Virginia Conference Historical Society

Locality: Tangier Island, Accomack County

Proposed Location: Swain Memorial United Methodist Church

Replacement Markers

1. First Africans in Virginia W-96

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Hampton

Proposed Location: near intersection of Fenwick and Ingalls Road

2. First Africans in Jamestown WT-1

Sponsor: DHR

Locality: Jamestown

Proposed Location: Jamestown Road (Route 31)

3. Battle of Ball's Bluff F-1

Sponsor: Friends of the Ball's Bluff Battlefield

Locality: Loudoun County

Proposed Location: TBD

Ms. Peters commented that she was unaware the Richardson and Morton Schools in Louisa County were damaged in the 2011 earthquake and wondered if there was value to mentioning this on the marker if space allowed. Ms. Loux replied that she would investigate and add such text if possible. Mr. Gruber inquired as to how the inland location of the Pocahontas Island marker was determined. Ms. Loux clarified that the original marker proposal was specific to the Jarratt House, which did not individually qualify for a marker. In expanding the marker topic to the entire island, the sponsor still wished to highlight the Jarratt House. Ms. Loux added that DHR can recommend that the installation of the marker at a more prominent location.

With a motion from Ms. Peters and a second from Mr. Gruber, the HRB voted unanimously to approve Sponsor Markers-Diversity #1-#6, Sponsor Markers #1-#7, and Replacement Markers #1-#3 as presented.

Ms. Catherine Ayres of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) then presented the proposed easement for the *Reston – A “New Town”* marker location.

Proposed Easement for Marker Location

1. For placement of marker T-58 (titled *Reston—A “New Town”*) on property owned by Lake Anne of Reston, A Condominium Unit Owners Association

Ms. Ayres explained that highway markers are typically installed within the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right of way, and that VDOT is unwilling to maintain a marker if it is installed on private property, as is the case for this marker. As currently drafted, the proposed easement lists DHR (not the HRB) as the easement holder which would necessitate pursuing the Department of General Services (DGS) process, requiring signatures of DGS, the OAG and the Governor's Office. Ms. Ayres continued by noting that the proposed easement is essentially drafted and that she has spoken with the other signatories and each have agreed to expedite the process. However, just before the Board meeting, DHR staff became aware of an alternative to the proposed easement for this marker location. The alternative, according to VDOT staff, is a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the private property owner that would permit VDOT access to the marker for maintenance purposes. Staff asked the Board to recommend pursuing the proposed easement or the MOA alternative.

Ms. Peters inquired as to which option is simpler. Mr. Garner asked if there was a staff recommendation. Director Langan responded that the VDOT alternative is very recent and there is concern that VDOT will change its mind, or conclude that the MOA is not possible. Director Langan stated they could attempt to work through the MOA, and if that fails, then pursue the easement to ensure that the timeline of the planned dedication is upheld.

Mr. Mann made a motion to pursue the proposed easement to ensure the timely dedication of the marker; Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. In discussion, Mr. Garner asked for clarification that the Board understood the position of the various departments. Director Langan clarified that the preference was the option to pursue both, so that if one failed, the alternative could be utilized.

Mr. Mann then withdrew his motion and stated an amended motion to state that the proposed easement option, held by DHR, be given the first priority, and if that failed, the MOA alternative should be pursued. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gruber and passed by the unanimous vote of the Board.

EASEMENTS

Ms. Bearns, Easement Program Stewardship Counsel, introduced herself to the Board and presented the following easement offer and requested that the Board vote individually for the first item.

Easements for Consideration

1. 1812 Monument Avenue, Monument Avenue H.D., City of Richmond

Property Owners: Joseph F. Yates and Jackie Peter Jackson

Acres: approx. 0.241

The easement offer is for a parcel on the north side of Monument Avenue that contains one single-family dwelling and one carriage house/garage. Additional landscape features on the property include a concrete wall, curb, walkway, and wood fence. The property is a contributing resource to the Monument Avenue Historic District. Constructed between 1905 and 1906 in the Colonial Revival style, the two and one-half story brick dwelling is significant for its molded cornice with dentils and modillions, stone lintels with large keystones and volutes over the windows, and primary entrance with fanlight and classical moldings. The dwelling has a hipped roof, two front gable dormers, asymmetrical entrance, and reconstructed front porch. To the rear of the dwelling is a one and one-half story brick carriage house now used as a garage. The carriage house was constructed at the same time as the dwelling and is thought to have originally been designed for horse drawn carriages, but modified for automobile use during its construction. The interior was altered circa 1962/63 and again in 2001. Remaining historic features include: (i) front hall and music/receiving room with columns and window/door trim; (ii) window trim and plaster cornices in living room and dining room (required substantial restoration); (iii) second floor mantels in library and sitting room; (iv) some second floor window trim and door trim and some closet doors; and (v) rear staircase.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommended acceptance of the easement with the following condition:

1. The easement will protect the entire exterior of the main historic dwelling, including restrictions on height and massing. However, the interior does not retain historic integrity due to substantial alterations completed when the building was previously converted from a single-family dwelling to a doctor's office and five residential apartments. Although the building is once again a single-family residence, much of the interior fabric is not historic and/or original to its construction. Therefore, the Committee recommended that the easement include provisions restricting alterations to the exterior of the dwelling, as well as the surrounding lot with associated outbuildings and structures.

Ms. Peters clarified that the front porch was reconstructed more recently than the 2001 date mentioned. Ms. Tune confirmed that the porch reconstruction happened within the last two or three years. Mr. Gruber asked for a second look at the slide illustrating the other easements in the vicinity of this property.

With a motion from Ms. Peters and a second from Mr. Gruber, the HRB voted unanimously to approve Item #1 as presented.

Joanna Wilson Green, Easement Program Archaeologist, presented the following easement offers and asked the HRB to vote on Items #2 and #3 collectively.

2. Kirby Property, Third Winchester/Opequon Battlefield, Frederick County

Property Owner: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation ("SVBF")

Acres: 5.0

Located along Redbud Road (also known as State Route 661) just northeast of Winchester, the 5-acre Kirby property is currently used for residential purposes. Improvements on the property include a dwelling, bank barn, chicken house, frame garage, garden shed, and extensive landscaping and gardens, all of which are clustered at southern property boundary along Redbud Road. The remainder of the property is comprised primarily of wooded cover with several small sections of open fields. The property falls within the study area of the Third Winchester (Opequon) Battlefield, which has a Preservation Priority Rating of IV.1 Class A from the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission ("CWSAC"). The property also falls within the study area of Rutherford's Farm Battlefield, which has a Preservation Priority Rating of IV.1 Class A from the CWSAC.

Existing buildings and structures on the property include a circa 1875 two-story brick and frame residential dwelling with a vinyl soffit, aluminum trim and replacement windows. The building also contains a rear frame addition covered in vinyl siding. The center and rear additions were added about 10 years ago while a sunroom and mudroom were added in 1987. Additional improvements include a circa 1895 frame bank barn with attached shed, limestone foundation, and metal roof; one circa 1920 detached frame shed-roof garage with four bays; one circa 1900 board-and-batten frame chicken house; one frame garden shed with attached porch, which was previously a circa 1900 smokehouse; and two circa 1920 sets of concrete gateposts with a low retaining wall. There are also extensive gardens and landscaping in the immediate vicinity of the dwelling. Pursuant to a Section 106 review, DHR determined the buildings and structures on the property were ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places on October 25, 2012.

Ms. Wilson Green also noted that the VDOT 6-Year Improvement Plan includes a project related to the realignment of Redbud Road to connect with construction of Snowden Boulevard to the north. Easement staff has contacted VDOT to determine whether the property will be impacted by the project.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommended approval of the offer with the following conditions:

1. Confirmation that the bank barn located to the west of the dwelling is within the boundaries of the 5.0-acre property acquired by SVBF. There appears to be some discrepancy between the aerial images and surveys provided with the application as to whether or not this building is within the property boundaries.
2. DHR reviews and approves the terms of any future lease agreements prior to their execution to ensure that any rights conveyed via the lease do not conflict with the easement. Additionally, any existing leases at the time of recordation will need to be subordinated to the easement.
3. With the exception of the primary dwelling, bank barn, and possibly the larger shed, demolition or removal of existing buildings and structures and rehabilitation or restoration of the landscape shall be completed within three years of the date of easement recordation; any change to the three-year time frame for demolition or removal of existing buildings and structures as determined by the Board shall be negotiated in advance with DHR.
4. Demolition or removal of any existing buildings and structures shall be conducted according to a written management plan negotiated jointly by the SVBF and DHR, and such plan shall be incorporated into the easement either directly or by reference.
5. DHR staff documents through a site visit the existing buildings and structures on the property prior to drafting the management plan outlined above. This information will be presented to DHR's Architectural Evaluation Team to determine whether any of these buildings and structures retains historic significance and integrity and therefore warrant protection as an historic resource in the easement.

3. Opequon Crossing, Third Winchester/Opequon Battlefield, Clarke County

Property Owner: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

Acres: 5.0

Located at the intersection of Rose Hill Lane and the Berryville Turnpike (State Route 7) in Clarke County, the 5-acre Opequon Crossing tract is comprised primarily of wooded cover. Improvements on the property include a spring box and a concrete portion of a bridge abutment. The property falls within the core and study areas of the Third Winchester (Opequon) Battlefield, which has a Preservation Priority Rating of IV.1 Class A from the CWSAC.

Perpetual preservation of the Opequon Crossing Tract will augment ongoing efforts to preserve battlefield properties in Clarke County, including 1,149 acres of battlefield land already subject to perpetual easements held by the Board. Additional conservation values associated with the property include 463 feet of frontage on Opequon Creek, and 5 acres forested cover, primarily in hardwoods. The SVBF intends to acquire the property in fee and place it under easement with possible grant funding assistance from the American Battlefield Protection Program ("ABPP"). Once the SVBF acquires the property, they intend to provide for public access, including visitor services, and interpretation.

The Easement Acceptance Committee recommended approval of the offer as presented.

Mr. Mann inquired about the date of the primary dwelling on the Kirby Property. Ms. Wilson Green replied with the date, and reminded Mr. Mann that the dwelling had been extensively altered since its construction. Ms. Peters asked if any archaeological provisions were included in the offers. Ms. Wilson Green confirmed that all easements include such language.

With a motion from Mr. Mann and a second from Ms. Peters, the HRB unanimously approved Items #2 (Kirby Property) and #3 (Opequon Crossing) as presented.

Proposed Utility Easement for Consideration

1. First Day at Chancellorsville Tract, Chancellorsville Battlefield, Spotsylvania County

Property Owner: Civil War Trust

Acres: 134

The County of Spotsylvania has requested permission to install a small waterline spanning the intersection of VA Route 3 and Corter Avenue, at the southeastern corner of the First Day of Chancellorsville easement property. The proposed line will connect an existing utility line along Corter Avenue to a trunk line running along the south side of VA Route 3. As the easement held by the Board over this property was funded in part through a grant from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) the project was forwarded to the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) for review, and was simultaneously reviewed by Easement Program staff for compliance with the terms of the easement as a whole pursuant to state code.

Ms. Bearns explained that Ms. Wilson Green, Easement Program Archaeologist, has reviewed the proposal and does not believe that significant archaeological elements remain as the area of impact was likely within the boundaries of the temporary construction zone for the construction of Corter Road and the VA Route 3 widening.

Ms. Bearns indicated that the ABPP reviewed the project according to their standards, determined that it did not constitute conversion or diversion with regard to the requirements of the LWCF, and recommended approval of the project with the following conditions:

1. Restoration of the affected area
2. Drafting of the easement specific to the water line
3. Attendance of a qualified professional archaeologist during the boring process for the new waterline

Ms. Bearns informed the Board that it was also obligated to determine whether this proposal would constitute conversion or diversion pursuant to the requirements of the Open-Space Land Act.

Mr. Gruber stated his appreciation for the comment by ABPP to narrow the proposed utility easement to the water line specifically. Ms. Peters made a motion to approve this as a project with the understanding that it did not constitute conversion or diversion. Mr. Gruber seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Garner questioned whether DHR recommendations would differ from those concluded by ABPP. Ms. Bearns responded that DHR has different requirements to uphold and restated the ABPP conditions by request of the Board. Ms. Ayres confirmed that upholding the ABPP conditions equated to a vote stating that the proposal did not constitute conversion or diversion. Ms. Bearns responded this was correct. Vice-Chair Garner inquired as to whether the supervising archaeologist should be a state employee or a consultant, and asked if DHR staff had additional conditions they would like added. Staff responded that there were no additional conditions sought by DHR.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion made by Ms. Peters.

Vice-Chair Garner made a motion for a modification to the agenda, so that the Board could review the easements recorded since the December 2014 Board meeting prior to going into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gruber and passed with unanimous vote of the Board.

New Easements Recorded since the December 2014 HRB Meeting:

1. Kenmore Farm, Amherst County

Date Recorded: 12/29/15
Donor: KITY Associates, L.L.P.
Acres: 47.234
Grant Funding: none

2. Nestor Farm, Kelly's Ford Battlefield, Culpeper County

Date Recorded: 12/31/15
Donor: Alice E. Nestor
Acres: 42.604
Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program

3. R5 (Pearson) Farm, Rappahannock Station I and II Battlefields, Culpeper County

Date Recorded: 12/31/15
Donor: Norman C. Pearson
Acres: 69.356
Grant Funding: American Battlefield Protection Program

Chair Johnson stated that the Board would now go into Closed Session. All guests left the room.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Johnson stated that the Board would go into Closed Session at 2:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of a proposed resolution of an existing violation of an easement held by the HRB and a potential violation of an easement held by the HRB.

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7). With a motion from Vice-Chair Garner and a second from Ms. Peters, the HRB unanimously approved the motion to go into Closed Session.

Chair Johnson reconvened the meeting at 3:44 p.m. and read a statement in compliance with the requirements of Section 2.2-3712(D) of the Code of Virginia, and requested a roll call vote. The HRB made a roll call vote as to Chair Johnson's statement that the Closed Session complied with Section 2.2-3712(D). Each Board member stated their name and individually confirmed compliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 1:45 in the Collections Study Room at the Department of Historic Resources for discussion and consideration of the Preliminary Information Applications (informal guidance session).

State Review Board Members Present

Dr. Elizabeth Moore, Chair
Dr. Laurant Lee, Vice-Chair
Joseph D. Lahendro
Dr. Gabrielle Lanier
John Salmon
Dr. Carl Lounsbury
Dr. Sara Bon-Harper

Department of Historic Resources Staff Present

David Edwards
Jim Hare
Lena McDonald
Michael Pulice
Melina Bezirdjian
Aubrey Von Lindern
Marc Wagner

Guests (from sign-in sheet): Alison Blanton (Roanoke City Health Center, Roland E. Cook Elementary School, and Smyth County Community Hospital), Katie Coffield (Roanoke City Health Center, Roland E. Cook Elementary School, and Smyth County Community Hospital), Alex Ferrate (Wiley Court HD, Bryan Clark Green (Dancing Point), Kent LaRue (Iden), and David Tillar (Dancing Point)

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Preliminary Information Applications

The following proposals were *endorsed*, unless otherwise noted, with the following comments:

Northern Region.....presented by Aubrey Von Lindern

1. Locust Grove, Page County, #069-0145, Criterion C

Dr. Lounsbury and Mr. Lahendro said that the construction date of the primary dwelling is more likely to be ca. 1830 rather than 1805 based on the interior finishes and the molding profiles. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

2. Oakwood, Fauquier County, #030-0083, Criteria A and C

Dr. Lounsbury questioned the ca. 1780 construction date for the earliest section of the primary dwelling. The sequence of construction needs to be checked because the house's one-story stone section is built up against the formerly exterior chimney on the one-and-one-half-story stone section. The one-and-one-half-story stone section may predate the brick section, but this also should be confirmed by examination of building materials. Circular sawn framing is not likely to predate 1850. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

3. Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), City of Fredericksburg, #111-0096, Criterion A, Criteria Consideration A

Mr. Lahendro and Dr. Lounsbury asked if the construction sequence could be explained in the nomination. The 1950s façade alterations may have photographic or other documentation. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

4. Stoke, Loudoun County, #053-0123, Criteria B and C

Dr. Lounsbury said that Gloucester County also had an active group reviving daffodils during the early 20th century, and a nomination for Stoke should acknowledge that daffodils were being cultivated elsewhere in Virginia. He added that a construction date of 1756 is very early and should be documented with historic records and/or examination of historic materials/methods of construction. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

5. Virginia Metalcrafters, City of Waynesboro, #136-5090, Criterion A and C

Mr. Lahendro asked that the property's industrial history be documented by explaining where the different manufacturing equipment was located throughout the complex and how products moved through the manufacturing process. Building D was evaluated as a contributing resource to the complex. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

Western Region.....presented by Michael Pulice

1. North Broad Street Historic District, City of Salem, #129-5050, Criteria A and C

Mr. Pulice explained that the property owners in this historic district support the nomination. The City of Salem also appears to support it. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

2. **Roanoke City Health Center, City of Roanoke, #128-0049-1666, Criteria A and C

Vice-Chair Lee asked if this facility was one of the first to serve African Americans and whites in the same building. Ms. Coffield said they aren't sure if it was first, but the Hill-Burton Act required that if separate-but-equal facilities were not available, then both races had to be served in the same building. The Roanoke City Health Center did serve both races until the Burrell Memorial Hospital was erected for African Americans in 1955. Vice-Chair Lee asked if separate entrances and accommodations were included on the original plan. Ms. Blanton said that restrooms definitely were separated but the plans do not indicate if examining rooms were kept separate. Mr. Lahendro said few buildings of this vintage and style are well preserved. The building also represents the specialization of health care and illustrates how the International style allowed rooms of different sizes and uses to be planned without being constrained by traditional architectural styles that required symmetry and balance. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

3. Roland E. Cook Elementary School, Town of Vinton, Roanoke County, #149-0052, Criterion A

Chair Moore asked when the school stopped being used as a school. Mr. Pulice said it remained open until 1999. Chair Moore asked how the school was used after World War II, given the population boom that followed the war. Ms. Blanton said it had become an elementary school by that point and the school's district was sized accordingly. Mr. Pulice said the building occupies a prominent hilltop location. The building has been vacant since 1999. Ms. Coffield explained how school plans were standardized starting around 1920. The Cook school predates standardization and thus is not associated with that historic context. The 1920s addition, however, conforms to some state standards, such as including an auditorium. Vice-Chair Lee asked if the school integrated during the Civil Rights movement. Ms. Blanton said she was not sure when it happened but would research it. A local contact has provided assistance with researching civil rights and may be helpful. Ms. McDonald and Mr. Pulice asked the SRB to consider if the property meets Criterion C (Architecture). The SRB suggested that if historic photos are available, changes to the building over time could be documented to see if any elements besides the 1966 window sash have been altered. Notwithstanding this, however, the SRB members agreed the building in its current condition appears to meet Criterion C.

4. Smyth County Community Hospital, Smyth County, #119-5017, Criterion A

Mr. Salmon said the planning process for the hospital is important to include in the nomination because it was planned to be an integrated facility as early as 1961 or 1962. Ms. Blanton said the construction plans are dated January 1965, and photographs show that the building was substantially built by December 1965. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed. Mr. Lahendro suggested adding Criterion C (Architecture) to the nomination and other SRB members agreed.

5. Wiley Court Historic District, City of Salem, #129-5049, Criteria A and C

Mr. Ferrate said that half of the houses in the historic district were intended as rental properties and the other half were occupied by the developer's family members. After World War II, all of the houses were sold as single family dwellings. Mr. Lahendro asked how the common area was handled, and Mr. Ferrate said that all homeowners are tenants in common of that area. Mr. Ferrate said that the nomination process is a first step toward a more formal covenant arrangement to protect the district from inappropriate development. Six of the eight homeowners already have voiced support for the nomination. Mr. Pulice noted that the period of significance for Criterion A (Community Planning and Development) will be adjusted pending research on the neighborhood's post-World War II development. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

Eastern Region.....presented by Marc Wagner

1. Dancing Point, Charles City County, #018-5108, Criterion C, Criteria Consideration G

Mr. Green explained that Dancing Point has been a single family residence for its entire history. Dr. Lounsbury recalled attending a couple of meetings at the house with a previous property owner. He asked if the entire parcel is going to be nominated, or only the area that includes Church's landscape design because Dancing Point is on land associated with Smith's Hundred and a colonial-era church (the third or fourth church built in Virginia) that once stood in the vicinity. A silver service associated with the church still survives today. Dr. Lounsbury suggested taking a look at George Carrington Mason's book on churches from the colonial era for further information on the church, and if there was one at Dancing Point, then archaeological potential could be explored as part of the nomination. He added that the term "Dancing Point" dates to 1619. Mr. Green agreed to conduct research on the colonial period occupation of the site. Dr. Lanier asked about the property name's origin. Mr. Tillar said an apocryphal story about a settler's dance with the devil on the point had been attributed as the source of the name. Mr. Tillar said that DHR archaeologists would be welcome to visit the property for a surface inspection of likely locations for archaeological deposits. Mr. Salmon asked that the property's colonial history be mentioned even if no formal archaeological investigations are conducted. Mr. Lahendro asked about the integrity of Thomas Church's landscape design. Mr. Green said his research indicated that Church's landscape design was about creating connections between things, such as linking a house to a vista. This tendency is evident at Dancing Point, which offers numerous intact viewsheds and lines of sight. The two pavilions for the house and their connector share views toward the James River. Mr. Lahendro asked about correspondence between Church and architect Bob Stewart. Mr. Green said he has found drawings that both worked on, but no correspondence yet. Church is known to have prepared a master plan for the site, with viewsheds and points of interest established first by Church, and Stewart then designing the dwelling to conform to the master plan. Dancing Point is one of only a handful of Church's projects documented outside of the San Francisco area. It also may be the last completed work by Church, while it was one of Stewart's first projects. Mr. Green said that Dancing Point represents

the beginnings of Post Modern design, which extended from the limited possibilities that resulted when Modernism is taken to its extreme as an unadorned glass box. Post Modernism explored new directions that included references to historical precedents. Mr. Lahendro noted that Dancing Point's design reminds him of Edward Durrell Stone, particular in the bold arches. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

2. Iden, New Kent County, #063-0041, Criteria A and C

Mr. LaRue said the schoolhouse on the property operated from about 1870 to 1910. The ruins of an ice house have been identified on the property as well. The primary dwelling retains much of its historic fabric, including the flooring, fireplaces, window sash, woodwork, and exterior siding. Mr. Lahendro said a professional architectural historian could look at the house and document how it evolved over time. The evolution of the agricultural complex also could be documented in the same way to illustrate change over time. Vice-Chair Lee asked if any documentation has been found for the servant community. Mr. LaRue said he has found one document that lists the total value of an 1850 owner's holdings. Vice-Chair Lee said that checking local records and inventories for slave listings also could be helpful, and mentioned the Virginia Historical Society has numerous collections of family's papers. Mr. Salmon suggested the land tax records at the Library of Virginia also could provide some useful information about changes in building values. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

3. **Lynchburg Courthouse Hill/Downtown Historic District 2015 Boundary Increase, #118-5163, Criteria A and C

Mr. Lahendro said that the Sun Trust building represented the beginning of the end of the downtown's primacy, because thereafter the city's growth started occurring more in the suburbs. The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

4. Walter Reed Birthplace 2015 Boundary Increase, Gloucester County, #036-0080, Criterion B, Criteria Consideration C

The SRB recommended the nomination to proceed.

Chair Moore adjourned the SRB meeting at 4:10 p.m.